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## BOOK REVIEWS.

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**A HISTORY OF HIGHLAND COUNTY VIRGINIA, BY OREN F. MORTON, B. L.**  
Author of "Under the Cottonwoods," A History of Pendleton County, W. Va. (&c.-&c.) Monterey, Va., Published by the Author, pp. 419, with maps and nine illustrations.

A county in the heart of the Alleghanies must naturally be somewhat apart from great historic events; but its very remoteness and unlikeness to the more accessible regions to the east add an interest to its history.

It is a remote section even now and its distance, from the centres of government and trade along the Atlantic in early days, is hard even now to conceive.

Highland is now a flourishing county, but for a long period its people were almost the most advanced pioneers, so that its history and the life of its people are different, from those of most of our counties of which histories have been written.

Mr. Morton has done his work with great care, and from the opening chapter on the topography and geology of the County down to the compact genealogies and useful appendices at the end has made a model county history.

**FRONTIER DEFENSE ON THE UPPER OHIO, 1777-1778.** Compiled from the Draper Manuscripts in the Library of the Wisconsin Historical Society and published at the charge of the Wisconsin Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Edited by Reuben Gold Thwaites, Superintendent of the Society; and Louise Phelps Kellogg, Ph. D., Editorial Assistant on the Society's Staff (Seal) Madison, Wisconsin Historical Society, 1912, pp. xviii, 329, with index, a map of the frontier of North Western Virginia in the Revolution, and nine portraits, fac similes, &c.

The Wisconsin Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Historical Society of that State have again drawn from that matchless storehouse of Western history, the Draper Collection, material for another valuable book on the history of the country bordering on the Ohio during 1777-78. Readers who are acquainted with the **Documentary History of Dunmore's War 1774** and the **Revolution on the Upper Ohio, 1775-1777**, will know what to expect among the very varied and valuable papers published in this book. It is especially of interest

to Virginians as nearly all of the actors in the events described were Virginians, and as the country from Pittsburg to the Kanawha was then within the jurisdiction of this State.

The notes as usual are of great value; but as was the case with the preceeding volume, show sometimes a curious dislike to credit Virginia when credit is properly due. For instance on p. 2, it is stated that Fort Pitt was garrisoned by British troops until 1772, then held by Virginians until the end of Dunmore's War and afterwards was occupied by American troops under Col. John Neville. Virginians are Americans; but the word American as used in this Note in contrast with British and Virginian can only have one meaning—troops directly under control of the American Congress. This will no doubt be the idea conveyed to any reader who is not informed.

One must feel that the Editors have been somewhat loose in the use of words when it is known that John Neville was sent to Pittsburg (Fort Duquesne or Pitt) by the Virginian Convention on August 7, 1775 with a company of Virginia troops "the said company to be in the pay, of this Colony from the time of their marching."

Again on p. 5, it is stated that Fort Randolph at the mouth of Great Kanawha was occupied by a company of Virginia Militia under Captain Matthew Arbuckle and one from Pennsylvania under Captain John Robinson, when the very reference the editors give (p 230 of the preceding volume) is an order of the Executive Council of Virginia (Feb. 12, 1777) that a company be raised to garrison Fort Randolph under Captain John Robinson. His company was raised by Virginia's order and he had his commission from the same state.

One or two other Notes may be referred to. On p. 176 it is stated that the origin of the name Staunton is unknown. There can be little doubt that the town was named after Rebecca Staunton wife of Governor Gooch. General Weedon (p.214) died according to Heitman in November 1793.

#### THE DESCENDANTS OF CAPTAIN THOMAS CARTER OF "**Barford**," LANCASTER COUNTY VIRGINIA 1652-1912.

With genealogical notes of many of the allied families by Joseph Lyon Miller, M. D., member of the Virginia Historical Society, the West Virginia Historical Society, The Filson Club (Ky.) &c., Whittett and Shepperson Printers, Richmond, Virginia. For Sale by Dr. J. L. Miller, Thomas, West Virginia, pp. 388 with 164 illustrations, portraits, views, fac-similies, Seals, Coats of Arms &c., with full index.

No Compiler of a Virginia genealogy has begun work under conditions apparently more discouraging than did Dr. Miller when he undertook an account of the descendants of Captain Thomas Carter of Lancaster Co., Va.